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FORMER NASA SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE SENTENCED

On July 27, 2000, Ronald D. Becker, Vice President of Becker Technologies, Inc., a former NASA subcontractor at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, was sentenced as follows: two years of probation, 180 days home detention, ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine, a \$50.00 special assessment fee, and ordered to pay restitution to NASA in the amount of \$38,487.10 for submitting false claims on a NASA subcontract. The sentence was handed down by U.S. District Court Judge Anne C. Conway, Middle District of Florida, Orlando, FL.

On April 12, 2000, Becker pled guilty to a one count criminal information charging him with submitting false, fictitious, and fraudulent claims in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 287. The false claims, totaling \$38,487.10, were submitted against a NASA subcontract to install token rings in support of the Shuttle Processing Data Management System.

Special Agents from the NASA Inspector General's Office of Criminal Investigations and the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation Division conducted the investigation. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Cynthia Hawkins-Collazo of the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division, (407) 648-7500.

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